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## AND THE GOLDEN SOWER WINNERS ARE...

**BY SHELBY JANKE BRODERSEN, COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR**

To many, May symbolizes Spring. For thousands of young readers, librarians, and teachers across Nebraska, it's Golden Sower season!

On May 1, the Golden Sower Award Committee announced the 2023-2024 winners as voted on by Nebraska youth. (You can find the winners on the next page!)

Here, though, I want to tell you about some updates the Committee has made to the Golden Sower Award process after receiving feedback from young readers and their educators:

1. Authors can now be nominated year after year, even if they win a Golden Sower Award. They are thus eligible to win two or more years in a row. Some authors are incredibly popular among Nebraska youth; it is the Golden Sower Award's goal to be Nebraska's premiere children's choice literary award — and this change keeps youth at the center.
2. Additionally, some authors write books that span age ranges. Within a couple of years, they might publish both a picture book and a Young Adult novel. These writers are now eligible to have their books nominated in multiple Golden Sower reading level categories within the same year.

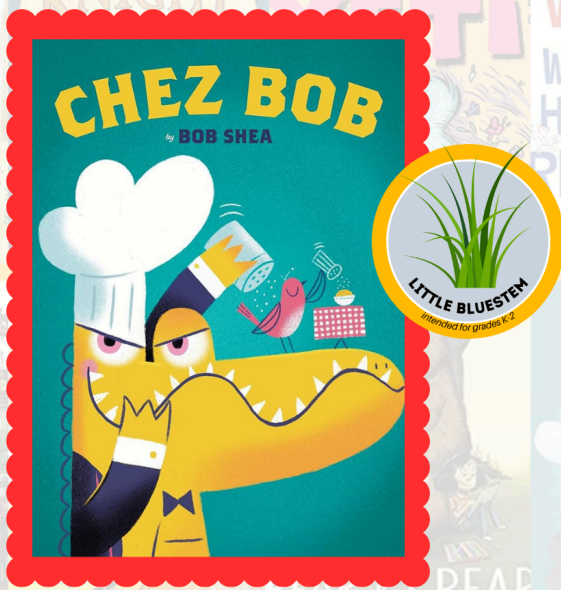
Thank you for celebrating the books that are voted on by the children of Nebraska. If you'd like to volunteer with the Nebraska Golden Sower Award, please contact Samantha Rundle at [nlagoldensower@gmail.com](mailto:nlagoldensower@gmail.com). Happy reading!



# GOLDEN SOWER AWARD WINNERS!

This year, the Golden Sower Award collected 63,553 votes from schools and libraries!

## LITTLE BLUESTEM WINNER!



2023-24 Nebraska Golden Sower Award

## HONEYBEE WINNER!



2023-24 Nebraska Golden Sower Award

## MEADOWLARK WINNER!



2023-24 Nebraska Golden Sower Award

The Nebraska Golden Sower Award exists to foster a lifelong enjoyment of reading for pleasure in Nebraska's youth. Since 1982, Nebraska Golden Sower Award has sought to sow seeds which stimulate children's thinking, introduce different types of literature, encourage independent reading, increase library skills, and foster an appreciation for excellence in writing and illustrating.

# All Inclusive AI

All the Awe-Inspiring Access, Archives, Acquisition and Ingeniously Innovative Instruction, Interlibrary Loan, and Information Literacy Initiatives in Nebraska Libraries

**College & University Section/  
Technical Services Round  
Table Joint Spring Meeting**

**May 22, 2024  
9:30AM - 4PM  
Doane University  
Crete, NE**

## **Tickets:**

NLA Member - \$10  
NLA Non-Member - \$12  
Virtual Attendance - \$5

## **Questions?**

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## **Register:**

<https://nebraskalibraries.org/meetinginfo.php?id=77>

# All Inclusive AI

## College & University Section/Technical Services Round Table Joint Spring Meeting

**Digital Libraries as Digital Third Place: Virtual Programming in the Age of Loneliness** *Jenny Haddon, UNK and Craig Finlay, UNO*

**Accessible & Inclusive: A New Open-Access Handbook on DEI Metadata** *Harriet Wintermute, UNL and Heather Campbell, Iowa State University*

**Tenure and OER: Using Assessment to Strengthen the Case for Excellence in Teaching** *Craig Finlay and Isabel Soto-Luna, UNO*

**A&I at Creighton: Concentrated Efforts to Expand Access and Innovation** *Peterson Brink and Greg Hollins, Creighton University*

**A Classroom of Our Own: An Exploratory Case Study of Archivists Teaching Outside of the Archives** *Lori Schwartz and Claire Du Laney, UNO*

**Expedited Cataloging: Using Ex Libris Alma Normalization Rules to Speed Up Record Enrichment** *Eric Feikert, Creighton University*

**Using AI to Enhance Your Marketing Graphics** *Todd Jensen, UNK*

**Kludge Cataloging: Cobbling Together Hebrew Bibliographic Records When You Can't Read Hebrew** *Angela Kroeger, UNO*

- Tour & Social Hour at Doane University's Perkins Library
- College & University Section Business Meeting
- Technical Services Round Table Business Meeting

**Register no later than May 8 to reserve a boxed lunch!**

**Keynote Speaker:** Jackie Ostrowicki, Assistant Vice President, External Relations and Director of Marketing, Brand, and Digital Media at the University of Nebraska System

# SAVE *the* DATE

OCTOBER 9-11, 2024



## LAST CALL FOR PROPOSALS!

Meet us in Kearney this October to convene with **Nebraska's largest network of library professionals!**

This year, we are celebrating the fact that Nebraska libraries are for everyone. Our industry will **Thrive Together** as we learn about:

- Community building
- Organizational excellence
- Intentional advocacy work
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion

NLA invites submissions that embrace this theme, seeking a multitude of voices that can share knowledge and contribute lived experiences towards an understanding of how to face challenges and capitalize on opportunities that face our profession.

### SUBMIT A CONFERENCE PROPOSAL BY MAY 27!

Please use [this form](#) to submit a Preconference or Conference presentation proposal for the **2024 NLA Conference: Thrive Together**.

Have an idea but need more contributors? Check out this [networking sheet](#) to brainstorm ideas.

Questions? Review the [FAQ](#), or contact Lane Gibson at [nlapresidentelect@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlapresidentelect@nebraskalibraries.org).

# ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE & RESEARCH LIBRARIES (ACRL) SUMMER WEBCASTS

**FREE for College & University Section (C&U) members!**

As Nebraska's local chapter of ACRL, C&U is pleased to offer access to two free ACRL Webcasts this June and July. Sign up to receive the Zoom link and/or recording by **filling out this Google form** - ***do not register on the ACRL website!***

Please note, these opportunities are only available for current NLA C&U members.

**Making Connections: Strategies for effective, engaging one-shot library lessons**

Wednesday, June 12, 2024  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Central

**Digital Preservation - Foundations and Theory**

Wednesday, July 24, 2024  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Central

# REGISTRATION OPEN: GENERATIVE AI IN LIBRARIES (GAIL) CONFERENCE

GAIL is a free virtual conference aimed specifically at librarians that seeks to explore the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in libraries. It is also an opportunity for librarians to share their experiences with generative AI technologies and their applications in the library setting. This year's theme is Prompt or Perish: Navigating Generative AI in Libraries.

Scheduled to take place June 11-13, 2024, from 1:00-4:00 pm EDT each day, GAIL aims to promote a deeper understanding of how generative AI can revolutionize library services like instruction, research support, collection management, access services, outreach, and collaboration. It will also address the ethical considerations this new technology brings to libraries.

**This is a free virtual conference. Learn more & register [here](#).**

# JOB OPENINGS



## Cataloging Librarian

The Nebraska Library Commission is seeking a Cataloging Librarian. MLIS from an ALA-accredited program is required. Minimum one year of MARC experience, and 2-3 years of cataloging experience preferred.

*Lincoln • Full Time • \$26.69 - \$39.34 / hour*

## Assistant Library Director

Lincoln City Libraries is currently seeking an Assistant Library Director to assist the Library Director in overall management, coordination and direction of the library system.

*Lincoln • Full Time • \$94,954 - \$129,411 / year*

## Library Director

The Library Director is responsible for general library operation, supervision of staff and service to the public. Email [stromsburgpl@gmail.com](mailto:stromsburgpl@gmail.com) for an application.

*Stromsburg • Full Time (35 hrs) • Salary unspecified*

## Paraprofessional Library Aide

Omaha Public Schools is seeking a library paraprofessional at Liberty Elementary School. The aide will work 6.5 hours per day.

*Omaha • Full Time • \$18.48 / hour*

## Library Aide

Under supervision of Library Director, this position performs various library tasks in providing library services to the public. At least two years of progressively responsible experience as a Library Aide is desirable prior to appointment to this position.

*Falls City • Part-time/Permanent • \$12.48 / hour*

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Just starting out?***

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